

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/076,455

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 02/18/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,6,9,10,28-30 and 41-52.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07/2003 & 02/2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on 02/18/2005 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 28-30 and 41-52 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
 - Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 28-30 and 41-52

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus comprising a feeding member having a rotatable plate-like member extending in a longitudinal direction of the toner container body, said plate-like member including a projection, extending at an incline relative to a rotational axis of the plate-like member to guide the toner toward the opening portion with rotation of the plate-like member, and a through hole effective to allow the toner on the plate-like member to fall with rotation of the plate-like member, thus stirring the toner.

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Prior Art

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Ban et al. [US 2002/0106215] disclose developer cartridge.
- Kanamori et al. ['401] disclose a toner bottle, toner supply system and image forming apparatus using same.
- Isomura et al. ['533] disclose a toner supply container and stirring rotation member.

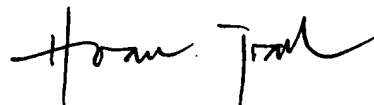
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoan H. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-2141. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Arthur Grimley can be reached at (571) 272-2136. The central office fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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FIG. 5(A)

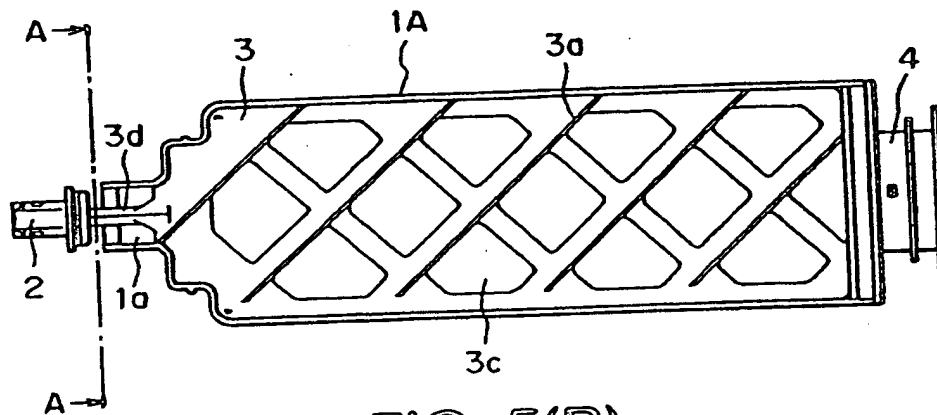
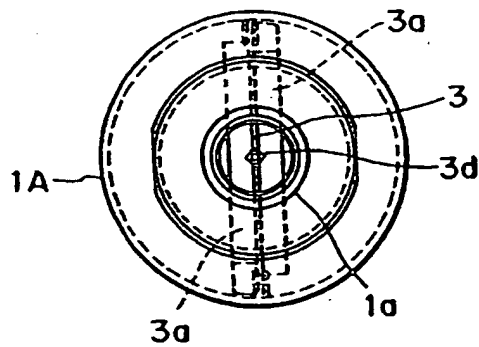


FIG. 5(B)





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FIG. 6(A)

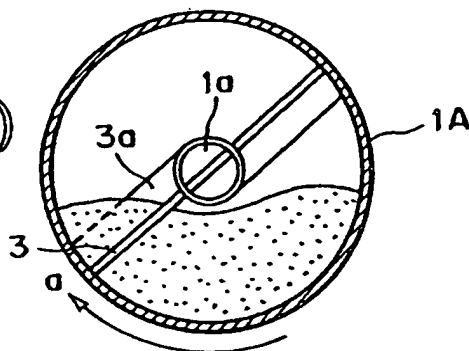


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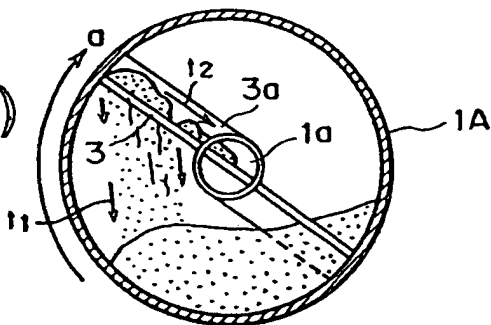
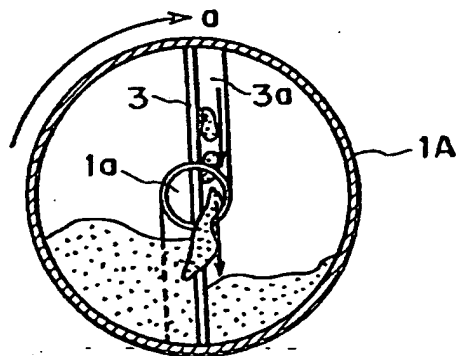


FIG. 6(C)





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FIG. 7(A)

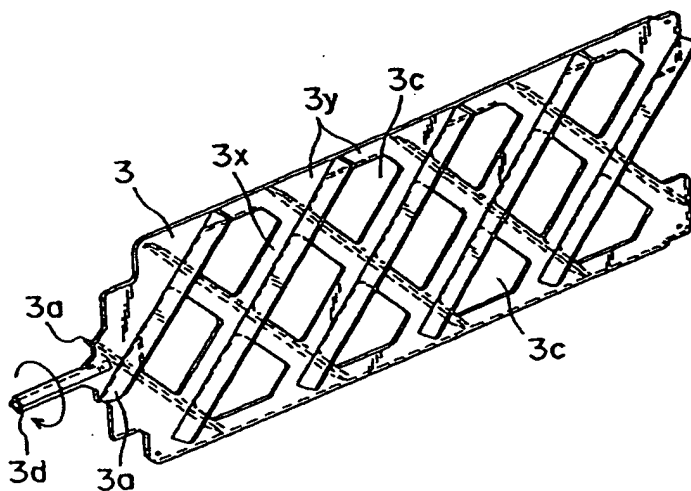
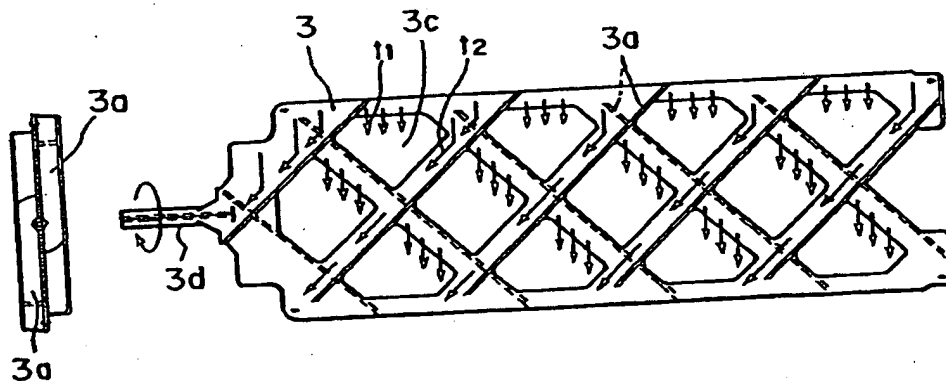


FIG. 7(B)





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FIG. 8(A)

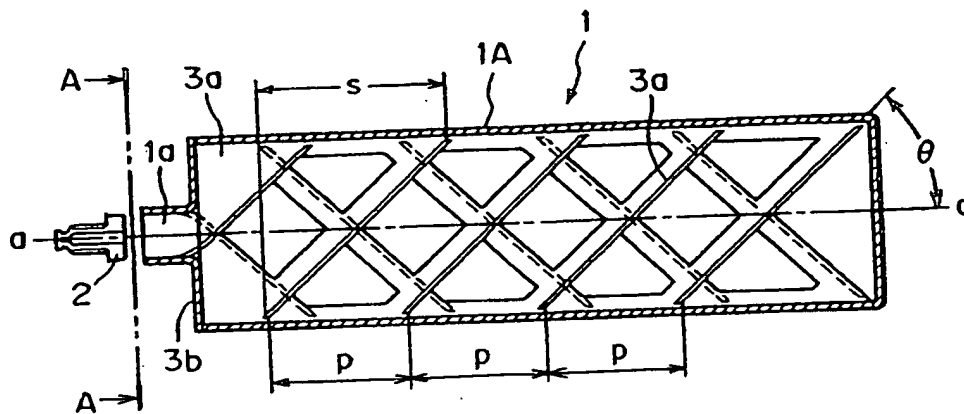
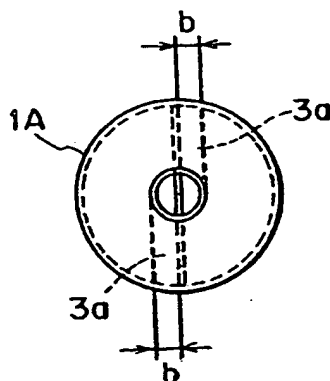


FIG. 8(B)





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FIG. 9(A)

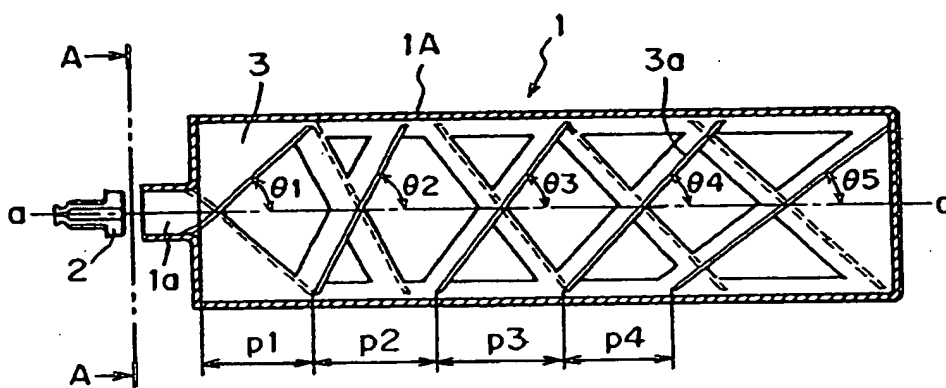
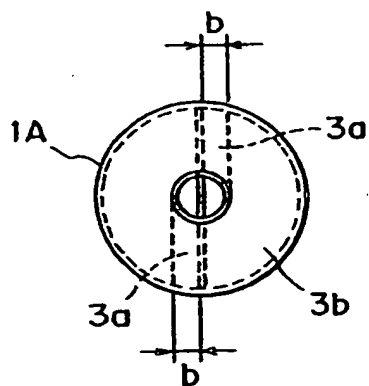


FIG. 9(B)





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FIG. 10

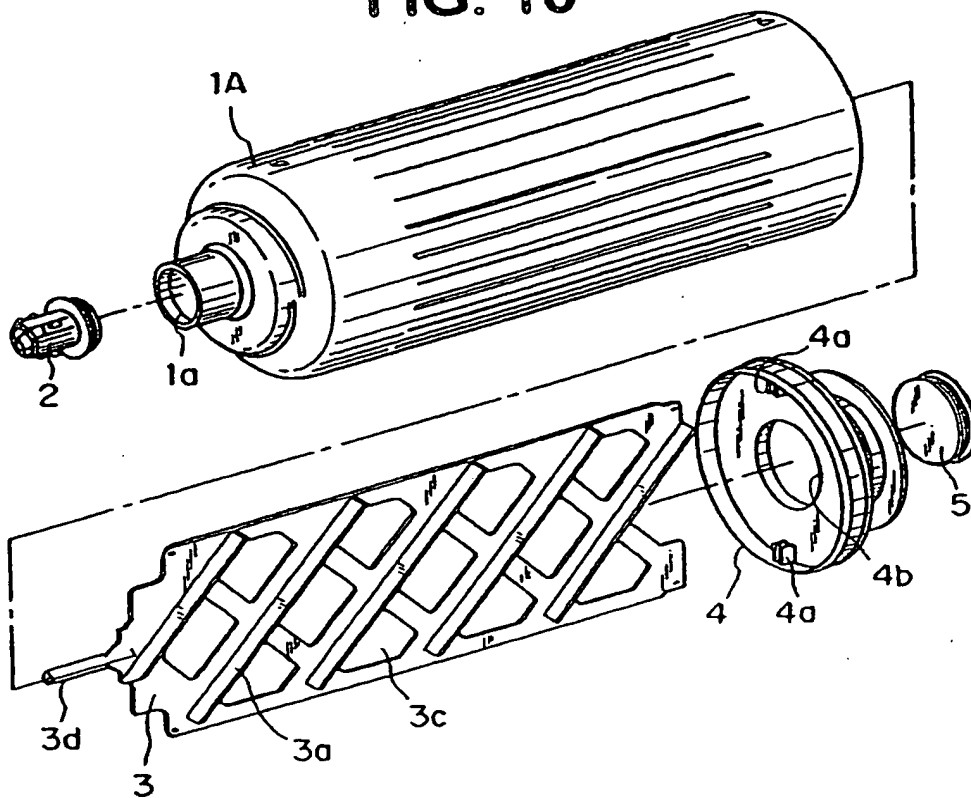


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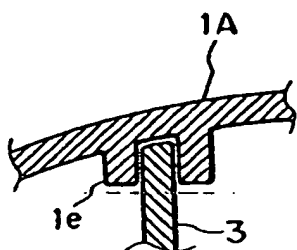
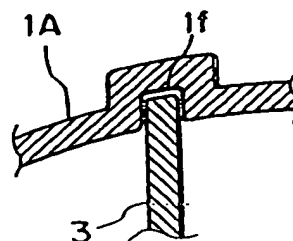


FIG. 11(b)





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FIG. 13(b)

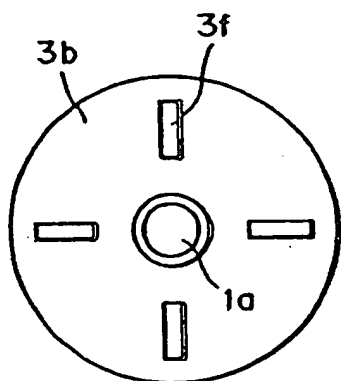


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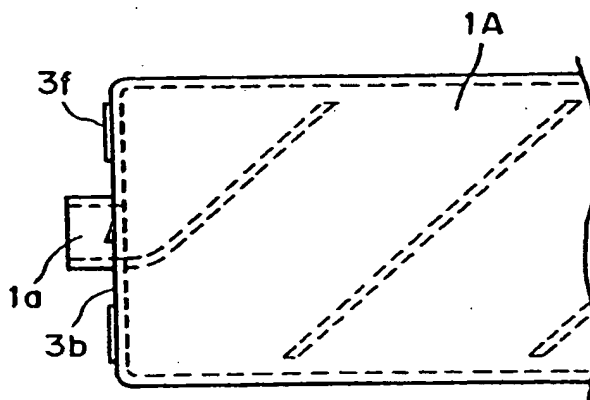


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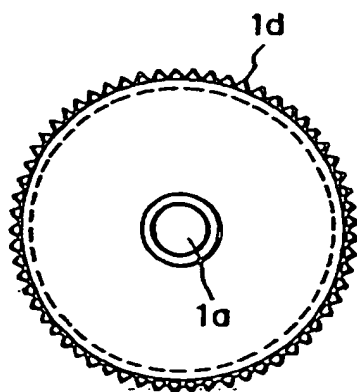
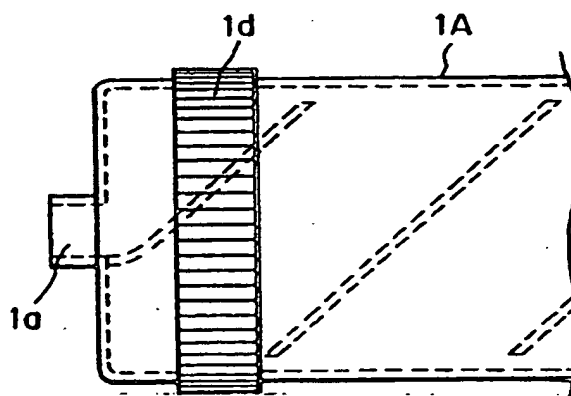


FIG. 14(a)





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FIG. 16(A)

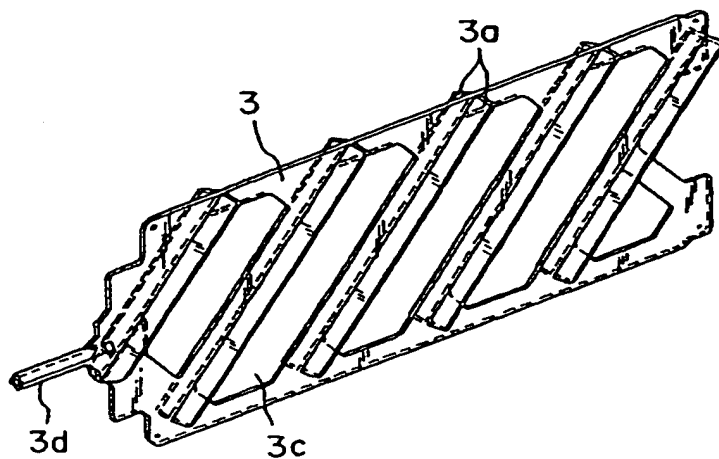
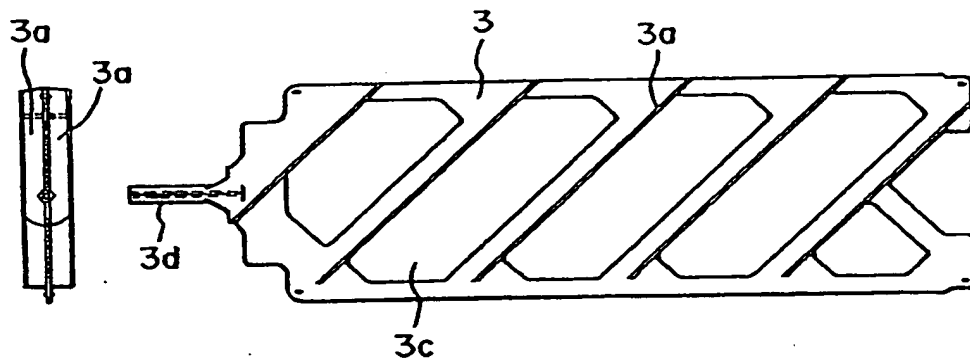


FIG. 16(C)

FIG. 16(B)





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FIG. 17(a) FIG. 17(b) FIG. 17(c)

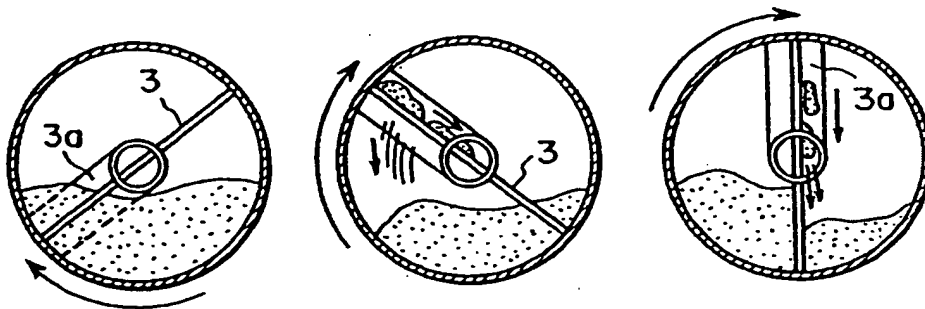
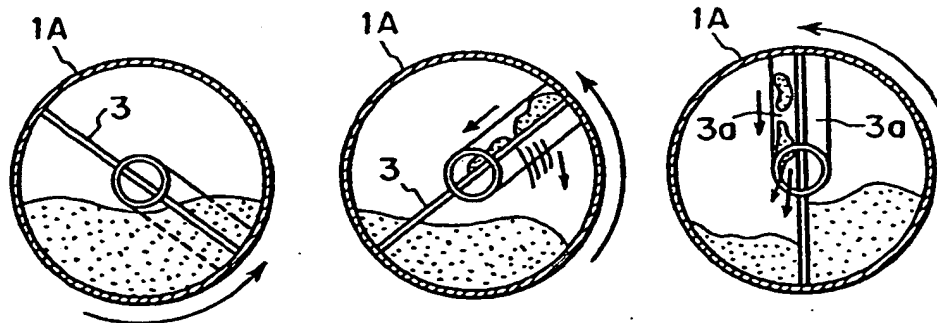


FIG. 18(a) FIG. 18(b) FIG. 18(c)





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FIG. 24(A)

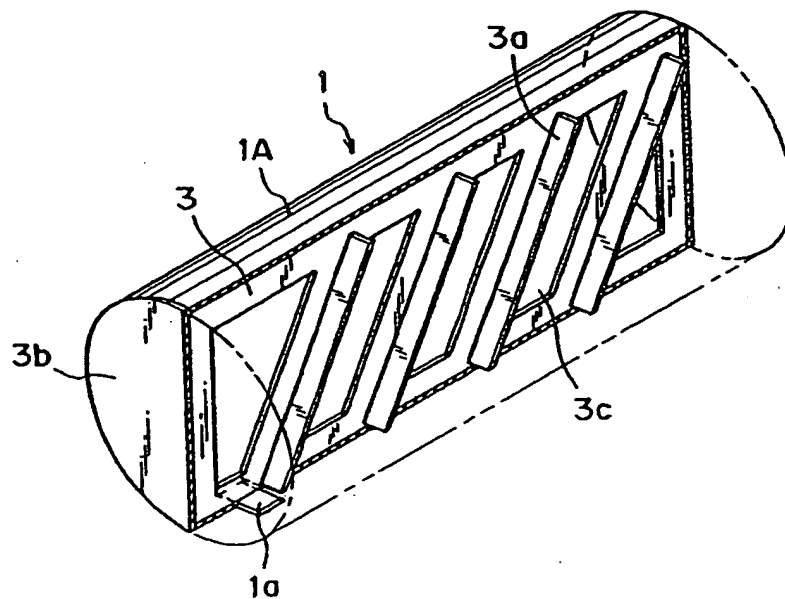
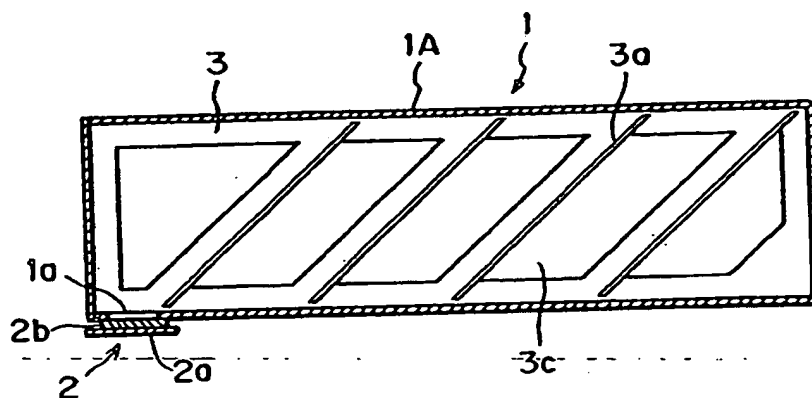


FIG. 24(B)





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FIG. 25(A)

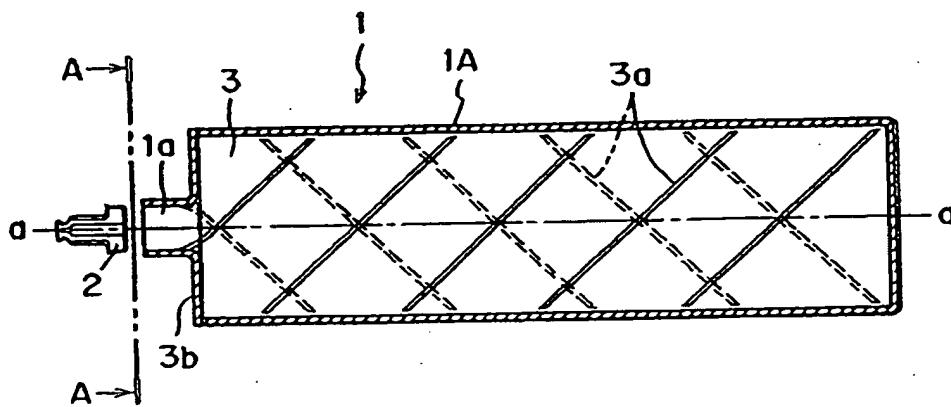


FIG. 25(B)

